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In re Patent Application of: Hans-Georg FRÖLICH et al.

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CONTACT HOLE PLANE IN A MEMORY

MODULE

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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